

## Train-bus collision kills 67

**DURBAN, South Africa, June 7 (Agencies)** — At least 67 people were killed when a train and a bus packed with home-shoppers collided at an unguarded level crossing near Durban today, police reported. Eyewitnesses said the bus was on the crossing and was cut in half by the train which was travelling at high speed. Many of the victims on the bus were women and children. Earlier today, 17 black men were killed and 26 injured in a collision west of Johannesburg between a 20-ton truck loaded with waste dust from a gold mine and a tractor-drawn flat-bed trailer taking the men to work at the mine. Reports said 18 persons were injured in the crash, and that the tractor had to use teargas to disperse bystanders who hindered the operation. The victims reportedly were returning to their homes at the MacKane reserve here, about 160 kilometres north of the Indian Ocean port of Durban.

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## New activity burst on Mt. Etna

**CATANIA, Sicily, June 7 (AP)** — Thick smoke billowed from Mt. Etna today in a new burst of activity by Europe's most active volcano. Officials said there was no immediate cause for concern, but a French expert warned of a possible violent explosion to come. Mr. Hauron Tazieff, who flew in from Paris, said a "delicate" situation was forming in a crater on the northeast slope where a mass of gas has been trapped by hardened lava. Experts are using tiny, remote-controlled gliders carrying instruments to monitor conditions on the 3,300-metre-high mountain. One glider crashed on the slopes last night but its instrument package was recovered. Last September nine persons were killed when a mass of rocks rained on a group of tourists in the first fatal eruption in years.

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Road paved by Hoss's resignation  
Sarkis to embark on grouping  
Leaders into 'salvation' cabinet

**BEIRUT, June 7 (Agencies)** — President Elias Sarkis, free hand to implement his plans on national accord, will embark on the arduous task of grouping together leaders of the conflicting sides into a "salvation" government.

The move was paved for the president by today's resignation of Dr. Salim Al Hoss who, left it for the head of state to decide when best to accept it.

Material sources said that in the delicate mission ahead, take as long as a month the situation crystallises. It added that should the face insurmountable difficulties at least for the time being might shelve the formation of a new government in retaining the present one. Hoss formed his cabinet in 1979, but since then Mr. Helou, a former president as minister of state, Interior Minister Bahij al-Helou died four months ago.

President Sarkis held a second round of consultations with political leaders earlier this week to sound out their views on principles for national reconciliation he declared in March.

Politicians of different trends in public statements endorsed the general outlines of the principles which called, among other things, for the smooth implementation of agreements concluded with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The principles also stressed the "special relationship" existing with neighbouring Syria which forms a 30,000-man peace-keeping force in Lebanon, and rejected "all forms of cooperation with the Israeli enemy."

According to the same sources, the president is not expected to hold public consultations with the country's leaders on the question of forming a "salvation government."

Dr. Hoss's resignation came at a cabinet meeting chaired by President Sarkis and designed to decide on the next step after the

three-day consultations with political leaders ended.

In his officially released letter of resignation to the president, Dr. Hoss noted that he had already explained to parliament about three months ago the real situation in the country and the various steps taken to try and restore normal life.

He said the stalemate prompted the authorities to embark on fresh political consultation in the hope this would lead to the formation of a new government capable of implementing the principles of national accord.

"Now that the consultations have ended, I felt it a national duty to make room for others to put into practice the results of these consultations and thus decided to resign," he added.

"And in view of the current circumstances, I place the government's resignation at the disposal of your excellency so that you may decide when best to announce its acceptance," Dr. Hoss said.

The premier concluded by expressing full confidence that Lebanon would be "saved" should the national accord principles which he took part in drawing up, be implemented.

According to press reports, Dr. Hoss chose to step down after the consultations indicated the various leaders favoured the setting up of a national coalition government.

Dr. Hoss's government has concentrated on restoring security to the streets of Lebanon and repairing the heavy damage suffered by public services during the 1975-76 civil war.

But the articulate, soft-spoken prime minister has not gained much ground in his effort to bring together Lebanon's warring factions, each of which maintains its own well-equipped private army.



His Majesty King Hussein leads Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat into Al Nadwa Palace here Saturday afternoon for talks on the Palestinian question and bilateral relations.

Yamani doubts meeting's outcome  
OPEC aides to seek structure  
stabilising world crude prices

**ALGIERS, June 7 (R)** — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani arrived in Algiers today and said he doubted whether an OPEC meeting next Monday would restore a unified structure stabilising world oil prices. "I think it is too early to achieve that now," Sheikh Yamani told reporters at the airport.

Members of the 13-nation OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) abandoned a unified price in 1979. It had been based on an agreed rate for Saudi crude with differentials to reflect different qualities of oil.

PCC starts wide-ranging  
conference in Damascus

**DAMASCUS, June 7 (R)** — The Palestine Central Council (PCC) met here today to discuss the situation in Israeli-occupied territories, southern Lebanon and national unity, a Palestinian leader said.

The meeting is chaired by Mr.

The price structure failed when Iranian output slumped following the fall of the Shah leading to a world shortage in which producers scrambled to sell at what the market would bear. Prices now range from the moderate Saudis' \$28 a barrel to close to \$40.

One obstacle to a unified price is that, at \$28, Saudi crude is underpriced and the oil industry has been speculating that Sheikh Yamani might offer at Monday's meeting to raise it and also to trim Saudi output.

A production cut by the world's biggest exporter of oil—the Saudis now produce 9.5 million barrels

out of about 28 million barrels produced daily by OPEC—would help to underpin high prices at levels favoured by such price hawks as Algeria and Libya.

But when he arrived in Algiers today, Sheikh Yamani said he had no offers to submit on prices or production levels. But he did leave open the possibility of new Saudi moves by adding that, in theory, Saudi Arabia was prepared later to do anything possible to achieve pricing unity.

Consumer nations are anxious for OPEC to restore a unified price in the hope that it will prevent new bouts of the price leap-frogging of last month. At that time, the Saudis put up their price by two dollars a barrel, expecting other producers to stand still and edge OPEC closer to price uniformity. But the others raised prices too.

The United Arab Emirates oil minister, Dr. Mana Said Al Oteiba, asked how optimistic he was about achieving a unified price at Algiers, told reporters: "I doubt it really. But we will do our best."

Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeb Abdul Karim indicated he would be concerned with possible production cuts, telling reporters: "We have to balance production and demand."

Oil output at present exceeds consumption by about two million barrels per day and Sheikh Yamani has predicted that by the end of the year, or early in 1981, oil prices will plunge.

Oil industry experts believe it is possible that the Saudis will allow the glut to develop, keeping their own output high, so as to force down the highest of the OPEC prices and bring about pricing uniformity that way, rather than through a compromise at Algiers.

Ahead of Monday's OPEC meeting, oil ministers of the nine-nation Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) are holding a session in Algiers at which, OAPEC Secretary-General Dr. Ahmad Ali Attiga said the main item was a proposal to build a dry dock in the Mediterranean. He said the likely location was Algeria. He said one proposal was to build two dry docks of over 200,000 tonnes capacity each.

OAPEC already owns a dry dock able to take tankers of up to 450,000 tonnes in Bahrain.

Returns from visit to Britain  
King confers with Arafat

**AMMAN, June 7 (Agencies)** — His Majesty King Hussein and Mr. Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) today "reviewed the situation in the

occupied Arab territories and the dimensions of the Israeli occupation authorities' aggressive policies against the Arab citizens" there, the Jordan News Agency (JNA) reported.

affairs, Mr. Suleiman Arar.

On the PLO side it was attended by the head of PLO's political department, Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of PLO's information department, Mr. Yasser Abed Rabbo and Mr. Abdul Jawad Saleh, member of the PLO executive committee as well as Mr. Omar Shak'a and Mr. Ahmad Abdul Rahman.

His Majesty the King returned to Amman today at the end of his private visit to Britain which lasted several days.

During the visit, the King held talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the Middle East issue and international affairs.

Yesterday King Hussein went to Lausanne, Switzerland, where he attended an operation for the removal of the gall bladder of Her Majesty Queen Zein, the Queen Mother.

His Majesty was met at the airport by His Highness Prince Mohammad, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the prime minister, cabinet members and senior government officials.

Earlier today, Mr. Arafat was received by the prime minister for a two-hour meeting during which discussion dealt with "the various aspects of the Arab and international situations and ways of supporting the steadfastness of Arab citizens in the occupied territories," JNA said.

The meeting also dealt with "strengthening common Arab action and bilateral relations," the agency added.

The meeting, held at the prime ministry was attended by minister of state for foreign affairs, Mr. Marwan Al Qasem, the minister

of state for prime ministry affairs, Mr. Arar, interior minister Ali Bashir, the director of the executive bureau for occupied Arab territories affairs and the director of the prime minister's office. On the PLO side it was attended by Mr. Kaddoumi and Mr. Abdul Rabbo.

In an interview with Jordan Times staff reporter Norah Barger, Mr. Arafat said the bomb attacks on two West Bank mayors last week were part of Israel's "official state terrorism" against the Arab inhabitants of the occupied West Bank with the support of the U.S.

He was speaking during an interview this afternoon after holding talks with the prime minister.

"This officially organised terrorism of the Israeli government... has, sorry to say, been done with the support of the American leadership and presidency," he said.

"The results of the United Nations Security Council vote have given us clear proof of what I am saying," he continued.

He was referring to the Security Council condemnation last Thursday of the attempted murders of the West Bank mayors, from which the U.S. abstained. The council also voiced its deep concern that Israel had failed to protect civilians in the occupied territories and called upon Israel to compensate the victims of Monday's bomb attacks in which ten people were injured.

Mr. Arafat added that "without the political, financial, and military support of the U.S., Israel hasn't the ability to carry on this way against the people inside the

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U.S. to investigate  
Clark's Iran trip

**WASHINGTON, June 7 (Agencies)** — U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti confirmed today the Treasury Department will investigate the trip by Ramsey Clark and nine other Americans to the "crimes of America" conference in Iran.

The results of that probe, Mr. Civiletti said, will be reviewed by both the civil and criminal divisions of the Justice Department for possible enforcement action under the international emergency economic powers act.

Mr. Clark led a delegation of 10 Americans to the anti-U.S. conference in Tehran despite the ban on travel to Iran invoked by President Carter six weeks ago. Mr. Clark was expected to return to the United States this weekend.

Three members of the delegation returned to New York last night and had some of their documents confiscated by customs officials.

They were Mr. Paul Washington, an Episcopalian minister

from Philadelphia: Dr. Lenno Hinds, a law professor at Rutgers University in New Jersey and Mr. Leonard Winglass, a Los Angeles lawyer.

Dr. Hinds said all the conference material he brought back from Tehran had been confiscated by customs officials.

Theoretically, members of the group face 10 years in jail for ignoring President Carter's travel ban imposed because of the crisis over American hostages held in Iran.

State Department spokesman Tom Reston told reporters yesterday that no decision had been made about pressing charges against Mr. Clark.

In an editorial today the New York Times said the Carter administration would be unwise to threaten the 10 conference delegates with prosecution. "Nothing that Mr. Clark and his nine companions may say or do could possibly embarrass the United States as much as a petty legal assault on their attempt to liberate American hostages while attending a conference on American crimes" in Tehran, it said.

The Times added: "Moreover, a restrictive reading of travel laws might look a bit silly from a government that itself ignored the letter of the law when it penetrated Iranian territory during the recent rescue attempt."

In Tehran meanwhile, five members of the group went to the occupied U.S. embassy today and handed a box to the militants occupying the compound. The Rev. John Walsh, Chaplain of Princeton University, a delegation member, said he had been asked to deliver it to the militants. He did not say what was inside. An Iranian photographer identified the other American visitors as Key Camp, president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; May Anderson of Cambridge, Mass., representing the American Friends Service Committee; Rev. Charles Kimball, a Harvard theologian and Prof. George Wald, Harvard Professor and winner of the Nobel Prize in biology.

## Regional Briefs

**BEIRUT, June 7 (R)** — A powerful explosion wrecked the offices of an Air in predominantly left-wing West Beirut early today. There were no casualties and the damage was confined to nearby buildings including Reuters, located above the Iran Air offices. The Air office was target of another blast about two months ago. At night, a car-bomb exploded at the entrance to a Palestinian refugee camp in a Beirut suburb, injuring 12 people. A Palestinian official said in a statement carried by the Palestine News Agency (PNA) that an explosive charge was planted about one hour before midnight last night in a unidentified car at the entrance of the refugee camp.

**IRAN, June 7 (R)** — A former General and a press official of deposed Shah, both of whom alleged to have been in touch with ex Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar, have been arrested in Iran, a revolutionary committee spokesman said today. Gen. Sam Bakhtiar, described by the spokesman as a cousin of the late prime minister who now lives in Paris, was arrested on June 27 and handed over to Islamic judge Ayatollah Sadeq Khalki. The spokesman said Gen. Bakhtiar, aged about 50, sent \$16 million to Dr. Bakhtiar in France, and a suitcase full of microfilms had been discovered at his Tehran home. Mr. Zand-Randi, an official of the royal court's public relations office, was seized a few days ago, the afternoon newspaper said at reported. The arrest was confirmed by the committee spokesman. Eteila said Revolutionary Guards had found at his home copies of coded correspondence with Dr. Bakhtiar and Gen. Gholamreza Oveissi, believed here to be plotting against the present government, as well as with "U.S. military advisers." It said he was the key figure in a "sabotage" which was to have been launched two days ago on the 17th anniversary of an abortive uprising against the Shah.

**ATHENS, June 7 (R)** — Delegates from more than 70 countries are meeting in Athens to discuss closer cooperation between western nations, and the Arab World. The delegates, who include politicians and financiers, will discuss the setting up of a permanent European-Arab institution to study problems of common interest. The foundation of a bank to deal with agricultural development and the establishment of an organisation for technical co-operation. Opening the two-day conference, Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis said Greece was being fully integrated into Western Europe. "At the same time Greece neither forgets nor neglects its special position which is close to the Arab World and whom it is linked by many historic, political and financial bonds," Mr. Mitsotakis said. Greece has increased its trade with Arab states considerably in the past few years and hopes to come a link between the Arab World and Western Europe when it becomes a full member of the European Economic Community (EEC) in 1981.

**CAIRO, June 7 (R)** — Egypt is to provide North Yemen with more than 3,000 teachers and education experts during the next two years under a protocol signed here today. The protocol was the first between the two countries since North Yemen severed relations with Egypt last year along with other Arab states opposed to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel. It also provided 20 scholarships for North Yemenis at Egyptian universities. Officials at the foreign ministry, where the protocol was signed, said Egypt would do its best to help North Yemen meet its educational needs.

**AMASCUS, June 7 (R)** — The Eastren News Agency said today that more than 60 Ethiopian soldiers died and many others were wounded in battles with Eritrean forces since June 1. The agency argued that Ethiopians had killed two farmers to discourage them from cultivating land.

Ceausescu calls  
for Soviet pullout  
from Afghanistan

**VIENNA, June 7 (R)** — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu today stepped up pressure on the Kremlin over Afghanistan, calling for an international agreement that would lead to the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

The president said the Kremlin should pull back its troops in conjunction with the end of outside support rather than afterwards, the official Romanian News Agency reported.

The Soviet position has been that what it calls Western aggression must end before the Kremlin would consider troop withdrawals from Afghanistan.

"Most resolute action should be undertaken towards a political solution in Afghanistan that would lead to the cessation of support granted to anti-governmental forces and, at the same time, to the withdrawal of Soviet military units," Mr. Ceausescu was quoted as saying at a Romanian-Bulgarian friendship meeting.

He told the meeting, which was held following a six-day visit to Romania by Moscow's staunch ally President Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria, that a political solution was necessary "irrespective of the opinions on the cause of the events."

President Zhivkov, at the end of his visit, defended the Kremlin intervention in Afghanistan without mentioning any withdrawal of Soviet forces.

"The Afghan revolution was and is facing strong external aggression," he was quoted as saying by the Bulgarian News Agency. "The legitimate revolutionary government of that country asked the Soviet Union for help and the Soviet Union rendered it."

Although the two presidents had several talks on international questions, official reports did not mention Afghanistan as one of their topics.

The Soviet Union has accused the United States, Pakistan and China of aiding the Afghan rebels

and called on them to stop such assistance and pledge to guarantee Afghanistan's security.

Mr. Ceausescu, 61, will travel to France next month for talks on Afghanistan with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who made a surprise visit to Warsaw last month to discuss the intervention with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

The Romanian president also called today for a peaceful solution to the holding of 53 American hostages in Iran.

"Romania firmly declares itself for the observance of Iran's independence and sovereignty, for the solution of problems existing between the United States and Iran, the hostage issue included," he told the meeting.

Meanwhile, travellers arriving in New Delhi from the Afghan capital said today hundreds of Afghans have abandoned their homes to escape a fierce battle raging near Kabul between Soviet troops and Muslim insurgents.

An Afghanistan traveller confirmed earlier reports of Soviet forces massing outside Kabul to prevent an offensive by rebels reported to be barely 20 kilometres from the city.

The traveller said fighting was heaviest in Charikar and Qarabagh, towns in Parwan province north of Kabul.

An Indian businessman said he had heard from reliable sources that Soviet troops had ringed villages outside Kabul to search for rebels fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan government. Villagers were bringing their cattle to Kabul in trucks, he added.

One Afghan traveller said fighting continued yesterday on the Paghman mountain range west of Kabul and added that local residents had told him many civilians had died.

An Afghan helicopter pilot told an Indian settler he was flying an average of almost 10 dead Soviet soldiers a day into Kabul from nearby areas.



Demonstrating doctors clash with Parisian police officers at the end of a protest headed by radical unionists who are opposed to the government's proposals to lower the social security reimbursing rate. Two journalists as well as 10 doctors were injured during the skirmish. (AP wirephoto)



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## West Bank deportees leave Washington on U.S. tour

By Tara Bradford  
 Special to the Jordan Times

WASHINGTON, June 7—Three deported West Bank leaders left here today for the next phase of a 13-city tour of the United States designed to present their views before the American people.

Halhoul Mayor Mohammad Milhem and Islamic Judge Sheikh Rajab Tamimi are scheduled to arrive in Chicago later this afternoon, where they will meet with city officials and members of a large group of Arab Americans originally from Halhoul. Mayor Fahd Qawasm of Hebron is en route to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he will meet with various civic organisations.

A spokesman at the Palestine Information Office in Washington said it was necessary to divide the busy itinerary among the group in order to meet with as many American groups as possible. The travel plans also include stops in San Francisco, Houston, Dallas, Phoenix, Denver and some other cities not yet revealed. Palestinian National Council organisers of the deported leaders' schedule are keeping some details of the itinerary from the public as a security precaution.

The Palestine Information Office in Washington was broken into early Wednesday morning, in what Washington police believe was an attempt to gain a copy of the deported leaders' schedule. At the same time, break-ins have been reported at the home of the organiser of the mayors' visit to Houston and at the Palestine Information Office in Dallas. No real damage was done, and both these break-ins were apparently also attempts to get details on the leaders' travel plans.

## UNESCO condemns Israeli activities

PARIS, June 7 (JNA) — The executive council of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) last night passed a resolution condemning Israel's encroachments on Arab cultural and religious sites in occupied Arab Jerusalem.

The council also appointed a special commissioner general to look after these sites.

At the conclusion of the UNESCO session, the Jordanian delegate expressed Jordan's appreciation of the council's resolution.

The group will meet back in Washington Sunday, June 15, which is Father's Day in the United States, for a "mayor's march to return home" to begin at Dupont Circle and continue through the streets of Washington. Palestine officials here anticipate a large number of participants, including the possible appearance of some American congressmen and other officials sympathetic to the deported leaders' plight.

Following the day's events the three West Bank leaders are scheduled to return to New York for meetings with United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and other U.N. officials to discuss possible means of implementing two Security Council resolutions calling for Israel to allow the men to return to their homes and their jobs.

The three deportees today

appealed to the European Economic Community (EEC) for action to pressure the United States and Israel into ending the Israeli occupation of the West Bank. They said, in a letter to the London Times that the occupation was driving Israel into "ever more brutal repression and the Palestinians into ever more violent reaction."

"The only remedy is to remove the source of the poison and to remove it wholly," said the leaders. They said Britain and the eight other EEC countries had rightly emphasised the need for Israel to end its 13-year occupation. "But what is needed from Europe now is not just more words," they said. "The Palestinian people suffering under occupation in the West Bank and Gaza look to you for concrete action to bring this message home to America and Israel."

## Seminar on developing nations' airlines comes to Amman Wednesday

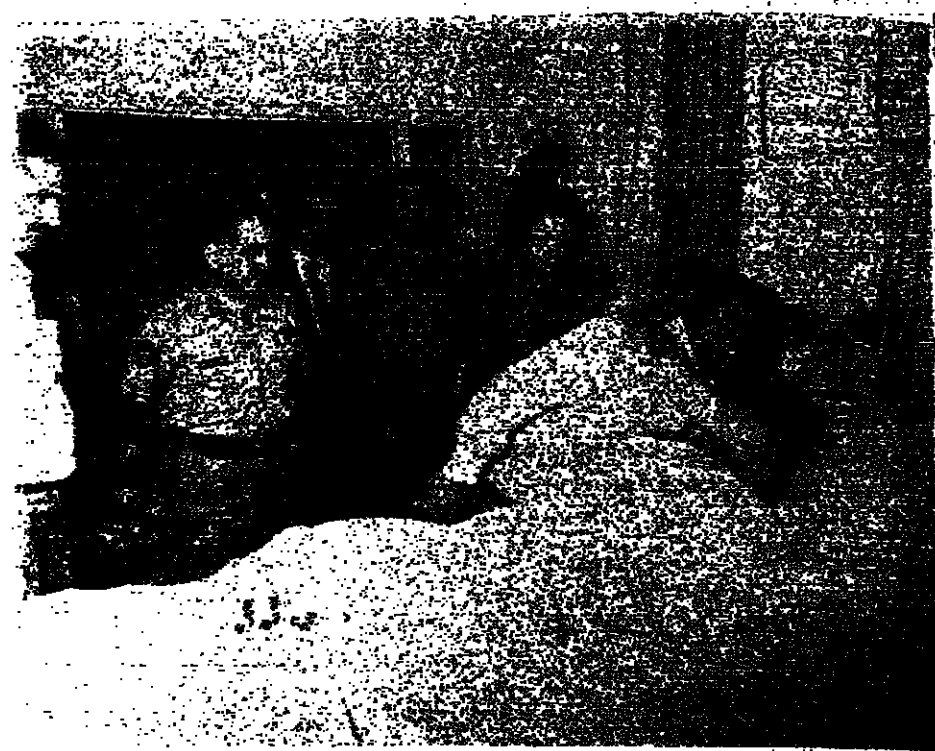
AMMAN, June 7 (JT)—The executive officers of 17 airlines will meet in Amman on June 11 and 12 for a seminar of the Task Force for Developing Nations Airlines, sponsored by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline announced today.

During the annual IATA General Assembly meeting in Manila last winter, the assembly decided to conduct the seminar in Amman to study the needs and problems of airlines of developing countries. The meeting will review the activities and services offered to these airlines by IATA. It will consider how these airlines might make better use of existing services, and whether new services are needed for the benefit of developing nations' carriers.

The seminar will also give participants the opportunity to engage in an open discussion and bring up questions regarding IATA's services to their carriers. The seminar will be attended by thirteen member carriers of the Arab Air Carriers' Organisation as well as Zambia Airways, Cyprus Airways and two airlines representing industrialised countries, Swiss Air and Aer Lingus.

The chairman of the Task Force is Brig. Gen. Enos M. Haimbe, who is the managing director of Zambia Airways; and the Director General of IATA, Mr. Knut Hammarjöld, will also be attending along with other high-

level IATA officials and the chairman and secretary general of AACO. A delegation from the Jordanian Civil Aviation Directorate headed by Sharif Ghazi Rakan will also attend the seminar.



His Majesty King Hussein embraces Nabilus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a, maimed in an Israeli terrorist attack. Behind the King stand Mr.

Shak'a's wife Anaya and Dr. ... head of the King Hussein Medical ... Mr. Shak'a is recuperating.

## King visits Shak'a

AMMAN, June 7 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein visited Nabilus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a at King Hussein Medical Centre this evening to inquire about his health. King Hussein expressed his pride in Mr. Shak'a's combative spirit which the King said "reflects the steadfastness of our people in the occupied territories". The King added: "The whole world now believes in our just cause," adding that Jordan will always remain the

supporter of that cause. The King officials at the Medical Services ... King Hussein Medical Centre ... condition, and urged them to ... every care to him. Mr. Shak'a's gratitude and appreciation to King ... emphasised the cohesion of the ... occupied territories and their ... remain in their homeland and ... struggle against Israeli tyranny.

## Strange obsession

PRESIDENT Carter, in his obsession to resuscitate the moribund autonomy talks, has totally lost sight of three salient features of the Camp David process: the first is that negotiations over territory cannot be divorced from what takes place on the ground; the second is that one cannot build a stable edifice on shaky foundations, and the third is that time is running out.

Surely the role of the United States as peace broker cannot be performed to anyone's satisfaction by sending Mr. Linowitz to act as a moderator at the autonomy talks, occasionally putting forward new ideas to prod the negotiations along, while the Carter administration as a whole turns a blind eye to the establishment and expansion of settlements, the tapping of the resources of the West Bank to serve Israel's needs, the collective punishments and iron fist policy recently introduced by the military occupation authorities and the new flowering of Israeli terrorism.

The best peace negotiator would be left with egg on his face if the other side were to steal a march on him on the ground while he was busy trying to extract verbal concessions in some diplomatic ivory tower. The United States cannot be an effective moderator so long as it cannot control the actions and provocations of the Begin government. This divorce between theory and reality is disastrous: whatever meek concessions Israel makes in the course of the talks is counterbalanced by severe setbacks in the occupied territories. Israel has tangibly tightened its stranglehold on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, while no palpable concessions of any consequence have been achieved at the talks on fundamental issues affecting these areas.

That the basis of the autonomy negotiations is unsound is an understatement. Any agreement negotiated between Egypt and Israel will have to be renegotiated by the other parties directly involved in the question, notably the Palestinians. But to get the Palestinians to join any peace talks one has to offer them certain minimal terms which neither the United States nor Israel is ready to countenance. Meanwhile, Mr. Begin and other Israeli hardliners are doing their best to create conditions which will deter even the mildest of Palestinians from approaching the question of participation in the talks with a ten foot pole. It is no good blaming the Palestinians and other Arabs for not participating when Mr. Begin and his cohorts literally make it impossible for them to do so. The freeze on settlements lasted but a fleeting three months; as for the withdrawal or dismantling of the military government, that government is becoming ever more extensive and tyrannical before our very eyes. Meanwhile, the U.S. is still convinced that the PLO can be swept under the carpet.

The third salient factor in the question is that time is running out fast. To attempt to drag the autonomy negotiations on for another year and a half or until the Begin government falls is an exercise in futility. The world cannot be made to stand still. In the wake of the terrorist bombing attacks on the mayors of Nablus, Ramallah, and Al Bireh, even the United States is showing signs of trepidation. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie appealed for restraint and warned of the repercussions of "the cycle of violence" on June 5. The speech by U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Donald McHenry to the Security Council on the same day struck us as a detached bit of moralising that was rather out of context, yet it reveals a fear of radicalisation of the area and of the proliferation of violence. We only wish Secretary Muskie and Mr. McHenry understood the root causes for the radicalisation. Nabilus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a, who lost both his legs in the bomb attack, was quoted a few days earlier as telling journalists, in defiance of an Israeli government warning not to talk to foreign correspondents: "What more can the Israelis do to us? When everybody and everything is threatened, fear is the only thing we can get rid of. We should be grateful to them for our liberation." He has not changed his mind since.

It seems only the United States retains faith in its brainchild, the Camp David framework for peace.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAH: The United States stood alone when it abstained from voting on the resolution, passed unanimously, of the U.N. Security Council condemning the Israeli assassination attempt against the mayors of Nablus, Ramallah and Al Bireh.

It is obvious that this stand totally contradicts with the moral ideals vaunted by the American administration, not to mention its absolute lack of any human and civilised feeling. It is also new evidence that the same administration is manipulated by the Jewish vote in the American presidential elections. It is important that the Arabs understand the meaning of the American position, and draw the appropriate conclusions from it—the most important being that the life of the Arab individual is worth nothing, and the Palestinian people's rights are insubstantial when weighed against a Jewish vote in the American presidential elections.

The American abstention on the resolution denouncing Israeli terrorism is in fact an encouragement for the aggressor to continue its terrorism.

AL DUSTOUR: It is not a strange thing that the wounded fighter Bassam Al Shak'a sought treatment in Amman for his wounds, resulting from the ugly crime committed against him by the occupying gangsters.

It is not a strange thing that His Majesty King Hussein, the compassionate leader, was the first to call from outside the country inquiring about the health of Mr. Shak'a and to order that all efforts be given him the best treatment and to make him comfortable be exerted.

It is not a strange thing that the Crown Prince and Regent, the prime minister and top government officials rushed to King Hussein Medical Centre to welcome Mr. Shak'a and wish him a speedy recovery.

It is not strange that Amman has opened its arms to receive Mr. Shak'a, the fighter who in his eyes personifies the struggle which unites the two banks of the River Jordan, and who is a symbol of our people, steadfastly confronting occupation. A nation that has men like Bassam Al Shak'a will not be defeated.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Note of appreciation

Dear Editor,

Mr. Khouri in his Notebook deals mostly with very serious matters in a pleasant and efficient way. Unfortunately, some people don't understand or appreciate social criticism and prefer that the clear-sighted keep their mouths shut.

The letter to the editor by Mr. Nicola Kattan dated May 31, while containing personal insults, and evidently published by the Jordan Times only out of respect for freedom of expression, was written in the spirit of "please keep people in the dark."

I would like to say that the criticism exerted by Mr. Khouri shouldn't offend anybody because it was expressed out of patriotism, responsibility and love of Jordan and was aimed at eliminating negative aspects of Jordan's life.

So, we do appreciate the articles of Mr. Khouri and we understand them correctly.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

## Exhibitions

The British Council presents an exhibition entitled "British Architecture for Arts and Leisure". Photographs and plans with seventeen contemporary examples will be on display until June 12.

The Jordanian Journalists' Association is holding a three-day cartoon exhibition at the Soviet Cultural Centre. The cartoons displayed are the work of artists of the Arab World. Visiting hours for Monday, opening day will be 5-8 p.m.

The French Cultural Centre is holding a documentary exhibition entitled "Des Merisiers et Des Hommes". Drawings and photographs of a wide range of human activities will be on display starting Monday and continuing until June 29. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m.

## Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Serge Korber entitled "Les Feux de la Chaudière" (1972), starring Annie Girardot, Claude Jade, Jean Rochefort, Bernard Fresson and Jean Bouise. The respectable notary of a country village leaves his wife who has become involved in politics and is ruining his career. The film, subtitled in Arabic, starts at 7:30 p.m.

## King confers with Arafat



A Jordanian team composed of (from left to right) Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem; the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf; Minister of State for Prime Minister Affairs Suleiman Arar and Interior Minister Ali Al Bashir meets with Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat and his delegation.

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occupied territories or to carry out terrorism through their continual naval, air force and artillery raids in South Lebanon against the Lebanese and the Palestinians."

"These give a complete picture of the panorama of the conspiracy of Camp David implemented against Palestine and the Arab Nation."

Mr. Arafat arrived in Amman yesterday to visit Nabilus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a, who is recovering from surgery carried out Thursday at the Hussein Medical Centre. The mayor's two legs were blown off in the Israeli terrorist attack last Monday.

Asked if it were true that the PLO particularly blames Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon for the attack on Mr. Shak'a and a similar one on Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf, Mr. Arafat responded: "We blame the whole (Israeli) cabinet, the whole military junta. They are all Sharon's; they are all terrorists. (Israeli Prime Minister Menachem) Begin is one of the murderers — he has always been a terrorist. He is the one who was responsible for the massacre of Palestinians at Deir Yasin. It is official state terrorism now."

He added that the resignation of Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman "will have no influence"

in Israeli policy or action towards the West Bank.

Asked if we could now expect to see a stepping up of Palestinian resistance activities in the West Bank, he said: "I am sure our people will continue their resistance against Israeli oppression and that sooner or later they will achieve victory. There is no example in history in which determined resistance has not succeeded in overthrowing oppression. I am sure that the determination and will of our people will succeed."

He described his two-hour talks with "my brother, Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf," as "successful... We discussed all bilateral issues between the PLO and Jordan and the problems of the Palestinian cause — especially this officially organised terrorism of the Israeli government headed and organised by Begin and his military junta against the Palestinian people and their leaders."

He told the Jordan Times that the PLO and Jordan are "intending to increase and develop the relations that we have more and more. We will increase relations. I think and I am sure, that the Jordanian authorities, especially the King, are going to increase and develop this cooperation."

Mr. Arafat returned to Damascus today via Ramtha to attend a meeting of the Central Council of the PLO there.

## Local News Briefs



The NCC Foreign Affairs Committee meets with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem and the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, to discuss the prime minister's speech Monday on occupied territories affairs.

AMMAN, June 7 (JT) — The Foreign Affairs Committee at the National Consultative Council (NCC) held a meeting today to study a statement made to the council last Monday by the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf. The Prime Minister's speech dealt with current events in the occupied Arab territories, Jordanian relations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Arab and international affairs. The committee meeting was attended by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem.

AMMAN, June 7 (JNA) — Granting scholarships to students at Romanian universities and other institutes of education was discussed here today by Mr. Marcel Dinu, a Middle East department at the Romanian Foreign Ministry Under-secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mr. T. The two also looked into the prospect of exchange educational delegations and reviewed progress in a being held here between teams from both countries air-oting educational relations between Jordan and Romania. He also visited the polytechnic institute in Amman and on its activities and vocational training programmes.

AMMAN, June 7 (JNA) — Jordan will take part in a long-term programmes for housing projects in the Arab world open in Baghdad on Tuesday. During the three-day participants from a number of Arab states will discuss exchange of expertise in housing. Jordan's delegation to be led by Mr. Khaled Al Burini, from the Amman U Planning Group.

AMMAN, June 7 (JNA) — The Federation of Jordanian of Commerce will take part in a joint Franco-Arab business chambers of commerce which will convene in Paris on 16 participants will discuss ways of further promoting trade between France and the Arab World.

WASHINGTON, June 7 (JNA) — Jordan's new Ambassador to the United States, Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf, yesterday presented credentials to President Carter at the White House. Upon receiving credentials, the president stressed the importance of relations between Jordan and the U.S., and said he was forward to the visit to America this month by His Majesty King Hussein.

AMMAN, June 7 (JNA) — The President of the National Consultative Council (NCC), Mr. Ahmad Tarawneh, and a NCC members today visited Nabilus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a at the Hussein Medical Centre. They wished Mr. Shak'a a speedy recovery on behalf of the NCC.

AMMAN, June 7 (JNA) — Intermittent disconnection in links between Jordan and Iraq in the past few days has been by work going on at the Iraqi end on the installation of new equipment. Telecommunications Corporation Director Mohammad Shahed Ismail said today. He added that equipment will increase the number of telephone lines between two countries.

TUNIS, June 7 (JNA) — The initiation of a direct air telephone links between Amman and Tunis were discussed here today between Jordan's Ambassador to Tunisia Shamaileh and Tunisian Prime Minister Mohammad Mazloui signed between the two countries last year provides the premier exchanges of visits between Tunisia and Jordan government officials from both countries.

AMMAN, June 7 (JNA) — The director of educational relations to the Ministry of Education, Dr. Lima Al Hadidi, left for today to attend a meeting on promoting social and economic in the Arab World. The five-day meeting, which starts tomorrow, organised by the Baghdad-based Arab Union of Scientific Councils.



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## Overcrowding strains UNRWA services

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Olaf Rydbeck, on his first visit to Jordan, met with the

Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf. They reviewed UNRWA's activities and services to refugees, especially in education. The prime minister asserted that in spite of the present strain on its

facilities and funds, UNRWA should exert intensive efforts to maintain services at the present level. The following article describes the great need for such services, and the difficulty in maintaining them.

AMMAN — The Palestine people has more than doubled in size since the exodus of 1948 and could double again by the end of the century, according to the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Now estimated to be about 3.2 million, the population will, if current trends continue, exceed four million by 1985, five million by 1990 and six million by the year 2000. Population pressure is a factor that has to be taken into account by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), which has 1.8 million Palestinians on its books as registered refugees.

For relief purposes, UNRWA's working definition of a Palestine refugee is a person whose normal residence was Palestine for at least two years before the outbreak of the conflict in 1948 and who, as a result of that conflict, lost both home and livelihood. Descendants of registered refugees who fulfil certain criteria are also eligible for assistance. And that is where the pressure on UNRWA services starts to show, because half the registered refugees are under 20.

Some 11,000 additional refugee children are attending UNRWA schools every year, and more class-

rooms have to be found somehow. Chronically short of funds, which come mainly as voluntary contributions from governments, UNRWA cannot afford to build enough schoolrooms.

More often it puts two schools in one building, with morning and afternoon shifts. About three quarters of UNRWA's 628 schools are used in this way. UNRWA nevertheless opened five new schools last year to avoid the need to run three shifts instead of two in some schools.

Signs of population pressure are also found in the 61 camps where about a third of the registered Palestine refugees and some other displaced persons live in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Israeli-occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The remaining two-thirds live outside camps among the local population. Their eligibility for UNRWA's health, education and relief services is not affected by whether they live in camps or outside.

In 1951, there were 276,000 refugees in camps. There were 421,000 in 1960 and 615,000 in 1970 (including those in 10 emergency camps established after the 1967 hostilities). During the past year the number of people living in Palestine refugee camps has risen by some 3 per cent and it is now approaching 700,000.



UNRWA offers a wide range of social services to refugees both within camps and without.

In Lebanon, it is estimated that an average of six or seven persons occupy shelters of one or two rooms there, and that most of the rooms are of some 10 square metres in area.

In all areas served by UNRWA,

a number of refugees have built additions to their shelters, at their own expense.

The pressure of population growth also puts a strain on UNRWA's already overburdened environmental services.

More people in camps also mean the need for continually improved sanitation measures, better drainage facilities and an increasing supply of potable water — a scarce commodity in many parts of the Middle East.

## Visiting scholar at Aleppo works with texts at 'focus' of academe

By Pat McDonnell  
Special to the Jordan Times

IASCUS — One of the foremost experts on northwestern Semitic languages, Prof. Marvin Pope of Yale University, is visiting a six-month visit to Aleppo as a Fulbright lecturer at the University.

The visiting scholar explained that he was to assist in the form of a two-year programme of comparative ancient Semitic languages: Canaanite, Akkadian, Ugaritic.

Ugaritic, which is older than Canaanite and Aramaic, is the language inscribed on tablets first discovered at Ugarit (Ras Shamra) in 1929 and later at nearby Mari.

Although some people have said the project of developing a highly specialised scholarly programme of deciphering tablets in a developing country such as Syria, Prof. Pope points out that in the realm of world focus is on the tablets discovered at Mari, Ugarit and Ebla.

It will be necessary for Syrian scholars to go abroad to learn the Ugaritic language, Prof. Pope said, "but once it is accomplished, I hope to see a generation of Syrian scholars who will be translating ancient texts in competition and collaboration with foreign scholars. I maintain that no one can work the Ugaritic texts without having knowledge of the Hebrew Bible and that, wise, no one can study the Bible without utilising the Ugaritic tablets."

The myths of the gods and goddesses of northern Syria during the second millennium B.C. are the same as those of the patriarchal period of the Hebrew Bible.

Bible."

Prof. Pope should know, he has spent a lifetime of scholarly research on texts of the ancient Near East. One of his most recent tomes is a study of "The Song of Songs" (Doubleday 1977) in which he suggests the poem is solely a celebration of sexual love. Many scholars have sought allegorical interpretations of man's love for his country in the more sensual passages of the poem. Prof. Pope argues the essence of the "Song of Songs" is rooted in fertility rites of the ancient Near East. His exhaustive study convincingly proves this.

Prof. Pope gave several public lectures in Aleppo, Damascus and Beirut. Many of these centred on the development of the alphabet and Ugarit's contribution to this phenomenon.

"The discovery of the Ugaritic texts at Ras Shamra in 1929 caused great excitement in certain circles because they were the earliest known corpus of this dialect," Prof. Pope said. "Prior to Schaffer's excavations at Ras Shamra, we had material from Egypt containing early western Semitic names and places because the Egyptians had devised a means of spelling foreign names phonetically."

"Before Ras Shamra there were thousands of texts from Mari written in the eastern Semitic language Akkadian, but personal names and deities were West Semitic. Since Mari was the chief source of western Semitic names, some people at that time referred to the inhabitants of Mari as eastern Canaanites."

"What is exciting is that from Hama to the Khabur region there are hundreds of tells that may yield as many discoveries as have been made at Ugarit and Ebla."

In reference to a query about Ebla, Prof. Pope said it is too early to determine if Eblite is western or eastern Semitic. "Let the experts decipher a few thousand of the recovered tablets before any profound decision is made," he advised.

Harking back to the Ugaritic texts, Prof. Pope explained that from 1929 to 1939, the archives of an alphabetic script belonging to the western Semitic language were initially recovered at Ras Shamra. The tablets were not only business documents and lists of family names, but a body of religious poems with some tablets containing as many as 400 lines of poetry.

Prof. Pope's primary interest is Ugaritic mythological texts which he says hold a distinguished place in world literature in addition to their impact on Biblical studies.

"Ugaritic was the language of the people and Akkadian was the script used for diplomatic correspondence," Prof. Pope said.

"We now know the professions and the business transactions of the people, but I find the religious texts the most interesting. They are poetic and employ a system of parallelism in that they say the same thing two or three times with variation, such as:

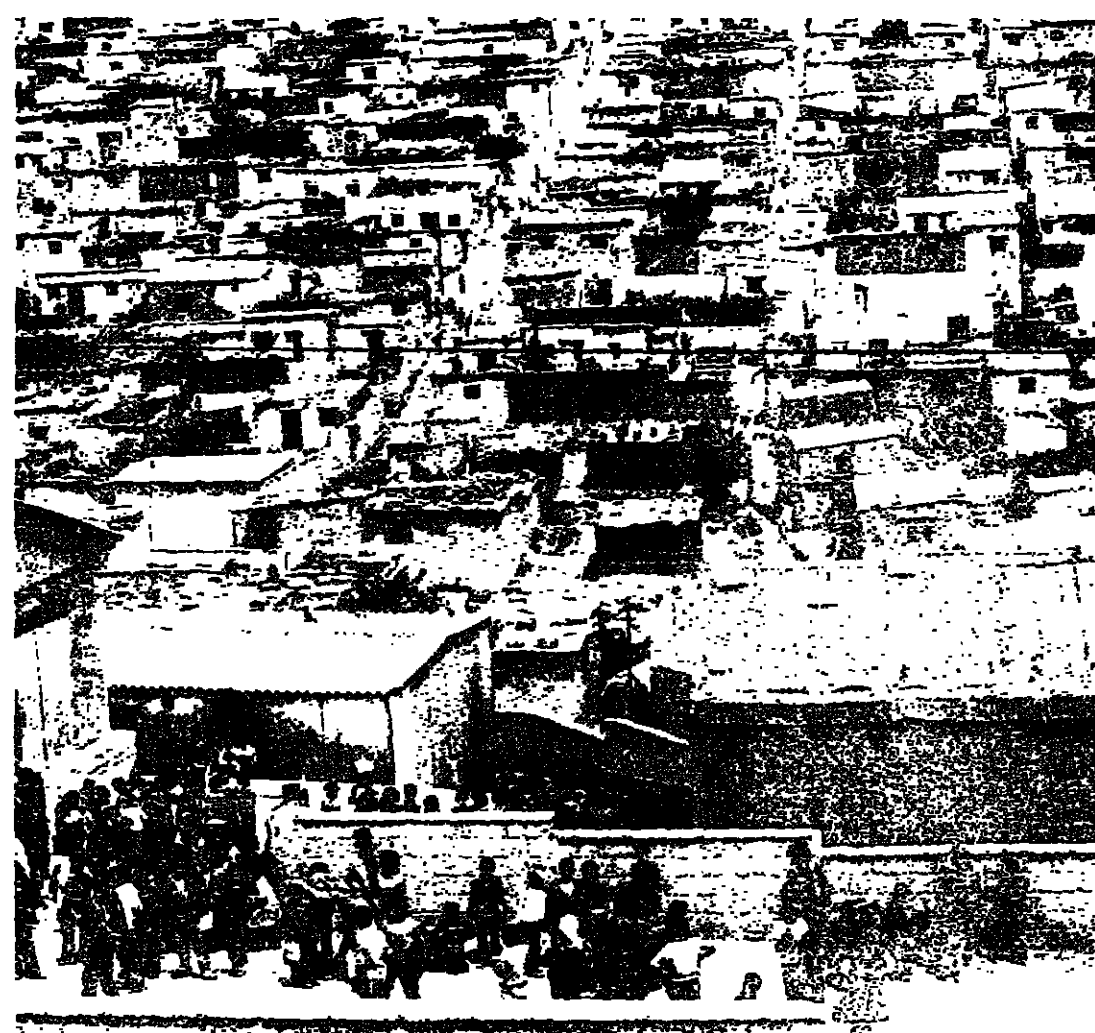
To earth Baal rained  
To the field rained Ali.  
Sweet to earth was the rain of Baal.

To the field the rain of Ali.  
As to the task of deciphering Ugaritic, Prof. Pope said the experts familiar with Canaanite and the Sumero-Akkadian system of writing in wedge-shaped signs detected word dividers, similar to other Semitic languages. After looking for certain signs that kept recurring, they were able to decipher the script.

The Ugaritic letters were based on the Canaanite linear alphabet. The Ugaritic alphabet utilised three alef signs; otherwise, the script was consonantal.

Upon his return to Yale, Prof. Pope hopes to begin a book on the goddesses of the ancient Near East.

"It is clear from the myths that the goddesses were dominant figures," he said. "One ancient text describes the marriage of the West Semitic moon god and the East Semitic moon goddess. Obviously, the literary model reflects marriage customs of the time and women deities certainly carried weight, so, too, probably did their mortal counterparts."



Nearly 700,000 Palestinian refugees now live in camps such as the one above.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be mild, with northerly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	low 12	high 25
Aqaba	low 18	high 32
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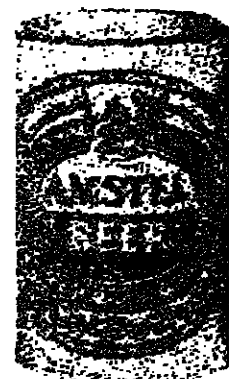
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## Morocco, Spain to study bridging Straits of Gibraltar

RABAT, June 7 (R) — Morocco and Spain are to form a joint company to study the possibility of building a road and rail link between Europe and Africa across the Straits of Gibraltar.

Linking the continents has been under consideration since Spanish Engineer Laurent Valdeuil first proposed the excavation of a tunnel beneath the straits in 1869.

Proposals since have included the laying of large steel tubes on the seabed and the construction of a suspension bridge suggested in 1936 by a former Spanish minister of public works, Mr. Alfonso Pena Boeuf.

The latest proposal is to build a huge dam across the straits with roads and railways running along

the top and channels at each end to allow the passage of shipping.

The idea is the brainchild of two Spanish engineers, Mr. Alejandro Goicoechea Omar and Mr. Julio Castro, who have made several visits to Morocco to discuss the project.

The dam would stretch the 25 kilometres between Paloma Point near Algeciras in Spain and Morocco's Cape Malabata, near Tangier. It would be 500 metres thick at the base, 150 metres thick at the crest and carry multi-lane highways and a railway.

To allow the passage of ships between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic it is proposed to build two channels spanned by small bridges at each side of the straits.

According to Mr. Goicoechea the channels would not only allow the passage of ships but could also be equipped with turbines to generate electricity from the east-west flux between the tidal Atlantic and the tideless Mediterranean.

Spanish and Moroccan officials admit the technical problems involved are enormous and for the moment prefer not to discuss finance for the project.

The cost of building the dam and its subsequent maintenance would be a major problem because at the moment passenger and freight traffic across the straits is relatively small. But the dam's promoters say traffic would

increase enormously when the permanent road and rail link is established.

The idea has the support of the African Road Transport Conference held in Abidjan and the 1977 Arab Transport Conference. Studies have shown that with the link, road transportation of many goods would be economical between Europe and places as far away as Nigeria.

According to Mr. Mohammad Kabbaj, head of the Moroccan side of the project, the joint company is to be set up after talks this month in Rabat with his Spanish counterpart Mr. Juan Antonio Guizard, Spain's director of transport infrastructure.

## Basle BIS meeting to discuss recycling oil funds

ZURICH, June 7 (R) — Recycling surplus oil funds and the long battle against world inflation are expected to be major topics when central bankers gather in Basle this weekend for the annual meeting of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

With OPEC surpluses expected to reach \$80 to \$120 billion this year due to oil price increases, international banks are unlikely to be able to recycle all of it to deficit nations. This hits poorer non-oil developing countries particularly hard, since they already have large debts outstanding from the oil price rises in 1973-74, and the big international banks are reluctant

to extend their risks with them further.

Some governments have suggested international institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) should step into the gap. But the IMF would have to raise extra funds to do this, and conditions which it has imposed on loans have in the past caused political trouble in some of the recipient countries.

As for as inflation is concerned, the central bankers will be able to take some satisfaction that tight monetary policies adopted over the past year are beginning to bite.

A recession has started in the United States, which is likely to

have a deflationary impact in most of the rest of the world, central bank sources said.

But the question remains whether world-wide inflation rates can be brought down far enough before another economic upswing starts, the sources said. This applied especially in countries where inflation has been high so long that it had become almost a way of life, they added.

The meeting is not likely to produce any substantial new developments. This is partly because foreign exchange markets are calm and some of the past persistent problems such as the U.S. balance of payments deficit had been largely resolved. The ban-

kers were thus under less pressure to come up with new policy ideas, the sources said.

The bank founded in 1930 carries out extensive research into international monetary trends. In recent years this has concentrated especially on drawing up accurate statistics of the rapid expansion of international bank lending, which central banks fear may be getting dangerously out of the control of domestic restrictions because of its international nature.

The BIS also provides a forum and secretariat for monthly meetings of central bank governors, which in the past have sometimes resulted in support packages for countries hit by currency crises.

## Prime rate decline expected to continue

## Russia, China sign 'barter' trade accord

PEKING, June 7 (AP) — China and the Soviet Union, at odds over alleged Soviet expansionism, signed a trade agreement yesterday after more than one month of negotiations. Chinese and Soviet sources reported.

Soviet sources said the trade volume would be slightly below last year's approximately \$500 million. The annual agreements are arranged to have trade exactly balance, so no cash payments are involved.

China's official Xinhua News

Agency reported only that a 1980 trade agreement had been signed by the Soviet vice foreign trade minister Mr. Ivan Grishin and the Chinese foreign trade minister Mr. Zheng Tuocin.

Xinhua said Chinese Foreign trade minister Li Qiang attended the signing ceremony and met with Mr. Grishin, who arrived Thursday to sign the agreements. Mr. Zheng later gave a banquet for the Soviet delegation, it added.

The Soviet delegation of experts from the trade ministry

arrived in Peking on April 24, the Soviet sources said. They said cars and trucks would be among Soviet exports to China. Traditionally, they added, Soviet imports from China have included textiles, everyday goods, ores and metal.

Talks on normalising China-Soviet relations opened in Moscow last October with a second round planned in Peking this year. But after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan last December, the Chinese declared in January that to continue the talks now would be inappropriate.

NEW YORK, June 7 (AP) — The U.S. banking industry has trimmed the prime lending rate to 13 per cent from the 14 per cent level, and analysts expect more cuts this summer as the recession deepens.

Banks across the United States yesterday followed the lead set Wednesday by Chase Manhattan Bank, putting the key lending index at its lowest level since last September.

David Jones, who follows the credit markets for the New York investment firm of Aubrey G. Lanston Co., said he expects the prime to continue its downward momentum. I am forecasting a prime between 9 and 10 per cent by the end of September," he said.

Banks have been cutting their prime rates—the interest fee they charge on loans to their best corporate customers—from the April peak of 20 per cent as the economy slipped into recession and banks lending costs dropped sharply.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1980

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A fine day for studying new ideas and new methods by which you can advance in your line of endeavor. Maintain a cheerful manner with those you come in contact with today.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Take time for meditation early in the day and adopt the right philosophy for the future. Avoid extravagance.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Improve the relationship with friends and know where they fit best in your future plans. Strive for happiness.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Seek the company of influential persons who can be helpful in furthering your career. Be wise to the ways of others.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) Plan how to advance through the auspices of important individuals you know. Maintain a happy spirit.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 21) A fine day to make plans could give you more abundance in the days ahead. Be taken in by outsiders.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make plans to gain benefits from relationships you now have. Take it tonight and restore your energies.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A time to come to a understanding with family members. This can help success in the days ahead.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Arrange to be friends you like for the recreation you desire. Plan week ahead so you can make progress.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make plans to prove your status in your line of endeavor. Use tact diplomacy in pursuing personal aims.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Good day to what is spiritual and educational. Visit friends relatives and express happiness.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study new methods and ideas that can bring you greater income in the future. Follow your true philosophy.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make the right arrangements for gaining a private goal. The evening is fine being with persons you enjoy.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	293.50/295.50
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Swiss franc	179.30/180.40
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French franc	71.20/71.60
Japanese yen	(for every 100) 133.90/134.70
Dutch guilder	150.80/151.70
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Belgium franc	103.40/104.00

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

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Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	50	1,500	1,500
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	50	1,300	1,300
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	147	13,000	13,000
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	37261	1,570	1,540
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	3207	2,280	2,250
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	10285	1,860	1,850
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	216	15,500	15,500
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	20	16,600	16,600
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	2000	13,800	13,800
General Insurance	JD 1,000	194	1,450	1,450
Arab Company for Paper	JD 1,000	1500	1,010	1,010
Manufacture and Trade	JD 1,000	450	3,890	3,890
Dar Al Dana Development	JD 1,000	4081	0,970	0,970
and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	2530	3,220	3,210
Dar Al Shari'ah	JD 1,000	50	1,470	1,470
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Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 1,000	265	1,950	1,940
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	9750	1,000	1,000
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International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	50	3,090	3,090
Mas for Blades Manufacture	JD 10,000	20	11,100	11,100
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 10,000	125	19,450	19,450
Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	JD 1,000	3505	1,340	1,340
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 1,000	3634	1,370	1,360
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	2650	2,700	2,630
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 5,000	2649	9,850	9,800
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## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** You are now able to produce those lofty plans you have in mind and put them to practical use. A new property arrangement can be worked out to a mutual satisfaction.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Study personal financial matters and make sure your records are correct. If you have any doubts, consult an expert.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Plan the most practical way to gain personal goals and get wheels rolling without delay. Avoid one who is tricky.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Sit in the quiet of your study and plan how to gain whatever means the most to you. Show that you are thoughtful.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Try to please the highest in high position and gain the support you need. Listen to what an expert has to say.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Go after your aims in a positive manner and gain fine benefits at this time. Analyze your progress in the evening.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Be more alert to new ways of doing things so that you get better results in the future. Maintain a pleasant manner.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Cooperate more with persons you deal with in business and get better results. Take steps to improve your appearance.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Try to please an associate more and prevent possible misunderstanding. Strive to be more successful.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** You have many risks to handle during the day, so do them efficiently and forget about going on a pleasure spree.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Go to the right source for the data you need. Stop putting off important duties and gain added benefits.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Go ahead with plans to improve conditions at home after consulting family members. Budget your money wisely.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Make long-range plans at can bring excellent benefits in the future. You can fully gain a personal aim now.

## JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Carson wins again on Bireme

EPSOM, England, June 7 (R) — Scotsman Willie Carson, a genius at picking his big race mounts, completed the Derby-Oaks double here today with an easy victory aboard Bireme in the fillies' classic.

Trainer Dick Hern has such a wealth of three-year-old talent in his stable that Carson was on the horns of a dilemma twice this week. He chose right on Wednesday with Derby victor Henbit and hit the jackpot again today with Bireme, a two-length winner from the fast-finishing Velle and Geoff Baxter.

Bireme's stable companion, the one-eyed filly The Dancer, faded to finish third after leading until two furlongs out. Quick As Lightning, the 3-1 favourite after her 1,000 guineas triumph, failed to stay and finished fourth.

Carson, grinning from ear to ear after his triumphant week, said of Bireme: "She gave me a super ride. I was never in any doubt with her. She is a lovely filly with a long stride who just keeps finding it for me."

The last trainer and jockey to complete the Derby-Oaks double were Sir Noel Murless and Lester Piggott in 1957. Piggott never had a ghost of a chance in today's race, with his mount Forlene trailing off as the 11-horse field swung into the straight.

There was a moment of drama earlier this afternoon when Piggott had his knee against the rail on the way to the start of another race. After a quick doctor's check, he went out to ride in the next race.

The story of the Oaks was easy to tell. Ernie Johnson shot The Dancer into an early lead so that the filly, who is never in one eye, could get a good view of the proceedings.

She was still there two furlongs out when Bireme, who had always kept closely in touch, was brought out by Carson for a victory challenge. Velle hung badly towards the rails when making her thrust but still failed by two lengths to pull back Bireme, winner of a £69,080 purse.

Dick Hern said afterwards: "Willie picked the right one again. I was completely neutral in both his choices. Before hand I didn't think there was much between Bireme and (unplaced) Shoot A Line."

### Zapata retains WBC flyweight title

SEOUL, June 7 (AP) — Panamanian Hilario Zapata retained his World Boxing Council light flyweight title today with a unanimous 15-round decision over South Korean challenger Kim Chibok. There were no knockdowns in the bout at Moonhwa Gym-

nasium before 3,000 fans.

This was Zapata's first defence of the crown he wrested from Japan's Shigeo Nakajima last March. Zapata, 21, weighed 48.9 kilograms and Kim, 48.4 kilograms.

The taller champion constantly punished his Korean opponent with a flurry of lefts and rights to the face by fully taking advantage of his longer reach and speed. The champion dominated the fight except for the 11th and final rounds in which the challenger appeared to fight even by fighting back.

Kim repeatedly attempted to close in but was frequently thwarted by Zapata who effectively managed to keep the challenger at bay.

American referee Richard Steele scored the fight 149-138, Panamanian Judge Harmodio Codeno 149-140 and Korean Judge Chung Yung-sop 149-139, all in favour of Zapata. This was Zapata's 12th win against one loss. He now has a record of seven wins, two draws and two losses.

### Solo Atlantic race starts at Plymouth

PLYMOUTH, England, June 7 (AP) — A great fleet of ocean racing yachts from 17 countries assembled in Plymouth today for the 4,800 kilometres Atlantic ocean singlehanded race to Newport, Rhode Island. The starting gun was timed for 1 p.m. GMT.

Three hours before the start the race sponsors said that 90 yachts of 17 nationalities were ready to go. The fleet was setting sail on the 20th anniversary of the first race when only five yachts took part, racing to New York.

The winner of the first race in 1960, in 40 days, was Britain's Gipsy Moth II crewed by Francis Chichester. He was knighted in 1967 after sailing singlehanded around the world in Gipsy Moth IV. He died two months after being taken off his boat in mid-ocean in the 1972 race.

The first race started with a bet of half-a-crown (then worth 70 U.S. cents) between Chichester and Lt. Col. H.G. Hasler, who said an east to west Atlantic race into the teeth of prevailing winds and currents would be a good test of a singlehanded.

From the start the race has been sponsored by the Royal Western Yacht Club in Plymouth and the Sunday Observer newspaper in London.

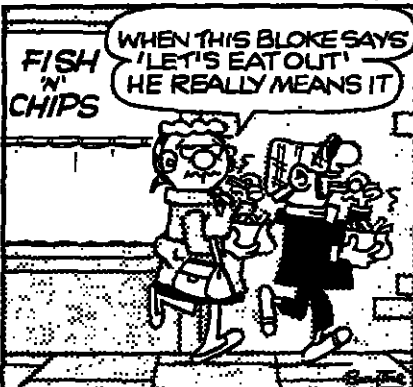
There were 15 entries in the second race in 1964, 35 in 1968, 55 in 1972 and 125 in 1976. The last race was the first in which lives were lost: American Mike Flanagan's yacht Galloping Gael was discovered in mid-ocean with no sign of the skipper and it was presumed he had fallen overboard. Mike McMullen of Britain and his boat Three Cheers disappeared.

The record for the crossing was 20 days 13½ hours by Frenchman Alain Colas aboard Pen Duick IV in 1972.

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# Record unemployment adds to Carter's woes

WASHINGTON, June 7 (R) — The U.S. jobless rate has jumped to its highest level since President Carter took office, adding to his already severe political problems in the middle of an election year.

A government announcement yesterday that unemployment soared last month to 7.8 per cent from seven per cent in April could scarcely have come at a worse time for Mr. Carter.

It coincided with an embarrassing rebuff from Congress, which overrode his veto of a measure blocking his fee on imported oil in the first such move by a Democratic Congress against a Democratic president in 28 years.

This was also the week when Mr. Carter had hoped for a decisive victory over Senator Edward Kennedy, his rival for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, in eight final primary elections.

Instead Mr. Kennedy won five of the primaries, including contests in the major states of California and New Jersey. The president collected more than enough delegates to gain the nomination in August but Mr.

Kennedy refused to concede defeat and vowed to battle on to the convention, raising the prospect of a major party split.

The liberal Massachusetts senator has laid heavy stress on economic issues as the business recession has deepened, accusing the president of deliberately engineering a painful slump in an effort to bring inflation under control.

The inflation rate has in fact declined from its recent high of 18 per cent to about 11 per cent, but Mr. Carter, who earlier said he expected the recession to be mild and short, has had to concede that his original forecast was optimistic.

High unemployment tends to hurt most the very people who form the natural base of support for Democratic candidates, including racial and ethnic minorities and union workers.

Without their backing the Democratic nominee would be an

easy target for the Republicans, now united behind conserving former California governor Ronald Reagan.

The powerful AFL-CIO labour confederation said in a statement on the latest unemployment figures that the recession was hitting blacks and other minorities especially hard, creating a jobless rate among them of nearly 14 per cent.

Faced with the prospect of an unexpectedly steep decline in the economy, the president began towards the end of the primary election season to place more emphasis on easing its effects.

He objected to the sums allocated for defence in the federal budget for 1981, saying that more money was needed for social programmes.

The administration has also eased the credit restrictions it imposed last March as part of a package of anti-inflationary measures which included the fee on imported oil.

The fee was to have gone into force on May 15, but it ran into heavy opposition in Congress and among consumers because it would have raised petrol prices by ten cents a gallon.

Mr. Carter argued that the measure was needed to show the world that the United States, where petrol prices are still relatively low, is serious about saving energy.

It would also have raised about \$10 billion in revenues to balance the 1981 budget.

The White House said after Congress doomed the measure yesterday that the president was considering alternatives to the fee but had not decided on anything.

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A clear "tilt" in U.S. policy has therefore been evident for at least eight months. Officials said National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski was the moving force behind the shift in policy, overriding objections by then secretary of state Mr. Cyrus Vance.

## New Hebrides government asks Britain, France to send troops

VILA, New Hebrides, June 7 (R) — The New Hebrides government has formally asked Britain and France to send troops to put down a secessionist rebellion on the island of Espiritu Santo, chief minister Father Walter Lini said tonight.

The New Hebrides government made the request in letters handed to the British and French resident commissioners in Vila after an emergency cabinet meeting today. Father Lini told Australian Associated Press.

Father Lini said he understood that a French mobile unit was on standby in New Caledonia, and British troops could be sent to the New Hebrides from Hong Kong if needed. If the French government did not agree to take part in a military operation to end the rebellion on Espiritu Santo, he would ask Britain to act unilaterally.

"Britain and France are responsible for law and order, and for maintaining internal security."

Father Lini said his government had given up all hope of negotiating a settlement with the secessionists, who took over the island last week in an apparent bid to set up an economy free of government controls.

The rebels, led by plantation owner Mr. Jimmy Stevens, seized the police station on Espiritu Santo in the early hours of May 28, capturing

police firearms. They held hostage the island's district commissioner, district police chief and eight policemen until today, when they were placed on board a launch and allowed to leave for Vila, the territory's capital, which is on the island of Efate 150 miles south of Espiritu Santo.

Release of the hostages had been a precondition for talks set in an ultimatum by the government in Vila. The deadline in the ultimatum expired at midnight last night.

"As far as we are concerned, it is clear that they do not want negotiations — they want confrontation," he said.

Father Lini said he expected to receive a reply from the two governments soon, although he had not set any deadline for a response.

While he had received no commitment from the British and French resident commissioners in the New Hebrides, which is due to become independent on July 30, they had indicated that troops were available and on standby in case the two governments agreed to intervene, he said.

U.S. official's speech on China policy leaves Washington's stance uncertain

WASHINGTON, June 7 (R) — A speech by a senior U.S. official on American policy towards China has led to a high-level dispute within the State Department and caused confusion about the Carter administration's stance.

Mr. Richard Holbrooke, assistant secretary of state for East Asian affairs, said this week that a policy of even-handed "triangular diplomacy" with Peking and Moscow was no longer an adequate framework in which to view relations with China.

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The Sudanese leader flew into Nairobi airport and immediately flew on to the central Kenyan town of Nakuru to meet President Moi.

Kenya and Sudan have both urged the early removal of Tanzanian troops from Uganda and the restoration of civilian rule through free and fair elections. About 12,000 Tanzanian soldiers are still in Uganda after the war which overthrew dictator Idi Amin last year.

Diplomatic sources said both Kenya and Sudan had undertaken to send troops to Uganda to help provide security for internationally-supervised elections. But their offer was made before the six-man military commission chaired by Mr. Paulo Mwangi seized power three weeks ago, and it was unclear whether their commitment still stood.

Highly placed sources at the summit in Arusha, northern Tanzania said President Numeiri, in sharp exchanges with the Tanzanian and Ugandan leaders, asked for a deadline for the withdrawal of all Tanzanian troops from Uganda and listed what he saw as the deficiencies of the Kampala military regime.

President Numeiri also demanded the release of President Godfrey Binaisa, who has been held incommunicado by Tanzanian troops in his state house at Entebbe, south of the Ugandan capital, since he was ousted by the military commission three weeks ago.

The immediate release of Mr. Binaisa, and a guarantee of safe conduct out of Uganda if he wished to leave, was one of the pre-conditions President Moi set for attending the Arusha summit. President Nyerere turned down the Kenyan conditions and Mr. Moi announced he was dropping out at the last minute.

The sources in Arusha said Mr. Mwangi said he would accept

foreign observers Sudan and other countries for general elections in September.

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## Turkish-Cypriots reject U.N. effort to restart Cyprus talks

NICOSIA, June 7 (R) — Turkish-Cypriot leaders have rejected a United Nations initiative to restart talks on the problems of the divided Mediterranean island, U.N. special envoy Javier Perez de Cuellar said today.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar ended a day and a half of shuttle diplomacy between Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou and Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denkash without any agreement on a proposed formula for resuming talks between the two communities.

"I have to say that the Greek-Cypriots accepted the ideas and the Turkish-Cypriot side, for reasons which of course I respect, rejected them," the U.N. envoy told reporters after a final visit to President Kyprianou. "Yesterday I was of the impression that they had accepted the ideas, but this morning my impressions proved wrong."

Mr. Perez de Cuellar arrived in Cyprus yesterday and spent the day in a series of meetings with President Kyprianou and Mr. Denkash. But a final meeting with Mr. Denkash and other Turkish-Cypriot leaders this morning made clear that they rejected the latest U.N. initiative, he said.

He declined to go into detail about the reasons for the Turkish-Cypriot rejection, or to explain what the proposals were. But he said they involved an opening statement to be made by a U.N. representative at the resumption of talks between the two communities setting out common ground reached previously by the two sides.

## India fails to shift Soviet position on Afghanistan

MOSCOW, June 7 (R) — Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao today ended a five-day visit to Moscow having failed to shift Soviet leaders from their uncompromising stand on Afghanistan.

He was the second non-communist foreign minister, following Sweden's Ola Ullsten last month, to visit Moscow in an attempt to break the impasse following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan last December.

Speaking after a meeting yesterday with President Leonid Brezhnev, Mr. Rao said his talks had brought "a clearer understanding of each other's views."

But he stressed India's concern that "countries in our neighbourhood should maintain and preserve their sovereignty and non-alignment."

When he arrived last Tuesday, Mr. Rao said his country wanted to see "a secure and stable Afghanistan with a government effectively able to pursue its traditional non-aligned foreign policy and cherish its sovereignty and independence."

But the lack of Soviet response to these ideas was underscored by the failure of the Soviet press to report Mr. Rao's remarks in its

coverage of his visit.

The Indian government has said it believes diplomacy rather than condemnation and pressure is the best way of securing a Soviet military withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Statements by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who today saw Mr. Rao off at Moscow's Vnukovo airport, indicated that the Kremlin was still firmly opposed to any attempt to reach an internal compromise in Afghanistan.

The Kremlin leaders have said they want to see a political settlement of the situation around Afghanistan along lines proposed by the pro-Moscow government in Kabul on May 14.

The government of Prime Minister Babrak Karmal called for normalisation of relations with neighbouring Iran and Pakistan as the basis for a settlement.

During Mr. Rao's visit, the Soviet press increased calls on Pakistani President Zia Ul Haq to drop his "unrealistic approach" to relations with Afghanistan and accept Mr. Karmal's offer of direct talks.

## Showing Soviet missiles headed for N. America U.S. defence officials concerned about second computer mix-up in 7 months

WASHINGTON, June 7 (R) — For the second time in seven months, U.S. defence officials are trying to find out why a highly sophisticated computer malfunctioned and flashed the chilling warning that North America was under Soviet missile fire.

On both occasions, last Nov. 9 and Tuesday of this past week, it meant a few scary minutes.

Early on Tuesday, while a flurry of checks were run by U.S. officials, American B-52 nuclear bombers and Boeing 707s designed as airborne command posts for the president and other top aides were ready to roar into the air.

But the warning, which flashed on computer display panels at the Pentagon and Strategic Air Command (SAC) headquarters in Nebraska, was proved false and the automatic precautionary alert was called off three minutes after it began.

Officials hope to find out within the next few days why the computer erred, and they hope that it will never happen again.

The previous error on Nov. 9, forced a six-minute alert and ten U.S. and Canadian interceptor aircraft scrambled into the air. "A

mechanical glitch" was how the Pentagon ultimately described the cause of that incident, which occurred when a test tape simulating a missile attack was put out accidentally by a computer at the North American Defence Command (Norad).

The Pentagon said the problem had been fixed to make sure there would be no recurrence. But last week's incident could lead to a re-evaluation of the reliability of the present warning system.

"The fact that we had another computer false alarm in a matter of months is something that causes us concern and we are aggressively attempting to solve that problem," Pentagon spokesman Tom Ross said this week.

He said the United States was "not remotely close" to launching missiles and bombers at the Soviet Union. Various data were always evaluated and all would have to show a missile attack was under way before any retaliatory action was ordered.

The "fail-safe" check list includes data from sources which include satellites equipped to detect heat signals from burning missile fuel and ballistic missile early warning stations at Thule in

## WFC launches appeal for aid to drought-stricken E. Africa

ARUSHA, Tanzania, June 7 (R) — The United Nations World Food Council (WFC) has launched an appeal for urgent food aid to drought-stricken East Africa.

A resolution by the Council, approved yesterday at the last session of the council's ministerial session, said food import needs in East Africa for the next 12 months would be between one and 1.5 million tons.

The council urged all nations and international bodies to take immediate steps to assist African

countries severely hit by drought. Countries mentioned included Uganda, Somalia, Kenya and Tanzania.

Delegates said results from the four days of deliberations by the 300 delegates were otherwise generally disappointing.

The 32-member council issued a series of watered-down proposals that left many Third World delegates deeply dissatisfied.

A statement read by WFC President Arturo Tanco described as unsatisfactory progress made by the international community towards achieving the WFC's general objectives.

Representatives of the "group of 77" developing countries said they were particularly disappointed that, apart from Canada, no developed countries had made any pledges during the conference of extra food or cash aid.

They also noted that, although it was supposed to be a ministerial conference, only two developed countries, Canada and Denmark, were represented by ministers.

Mr. Tanco said progress had been made in several spheres, notably that of the food strategy programme.

The scheme, proposed at last year's WFC meeting in Ottawa, essentially calls for developing countries to present overall food and agricultural plans so that donors can channel aid to the most deserving sectors. The accent is on increasing domestic food production.

In its conclusions, the council assured the Group of 77 countries that the idea, which has been adopted by 32 countries, would not become a condition of assistance or an interference in their internal affairs.

The council asked developed countries to reduce trade barriers to developing country exports and it called upon members to press the International Monetary Fund to provide special additional balance of payments support for food importing nations.

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| 1 Fencing blade      | 14 Olympian           | 36 Was overly  | 50 Horse or    |
| 2 Cornwall's capital | 15 Author Rand        | 37 Ford        | 51 Used a      |
| 3 Spy                | 16 Cutting tool       | 38 Connacht    | 52 Blasted     |
| 4 Actor's joy        | 17 Pride and          | 39 County      | 53 Edgar — Poe |
| 5 Termination        | 18 Joy                | 40 Cakewalk    | 54 — lower-    |
| 6 Present            | 19 Peaceful relations | 41 The Days    | 55 Do — lower- |
| 7 French painter     | 20 Not a one          | 42 Underscored | 56 Fairly long |
| 8 Indy               | 21 On — and up        | 43 For paint-  | 57 Way off     |
| 9 Entrant            | 22 Hickey             | 44 ing         | 58 Trip        |
| 10 City              | 23 Players            | 45 Yakk        | 59 Certain     |
| 11 Railroad          | 24 Lake car           | 46 Strong man  | 60 Exams       |
| 12 Italian           | 25 Sail yarn          | 47 of oil      | 61 Hospi-      |
| 13 Smoothed out      | 26 Alibi              | 48 Sources     | 62 Hospi-      |
|                      | 27 Michael-           | 49 Barbus      | 63 Wounds      |
|                      | 28 Sculpture          | 50 — not       | 64 Dave        |
|                      | 29 Compressed         | 51 — not       | 65 Mary again  |
|                      | 30 Hay                | 52 — Alarm     |                |
|                      | 31 Moonshine          |                |                |

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| 1 Share of time | 21 Hidden       | 40 Legal permission | 56 Skat and |
| 2 Renewal       | 22 Obstacle     | 41 Certain          | 57 Pro-     |
| 3 In the man-   | 23 Specified    | 42 Old Greek        | 58 Quantity |
| 4 Humbug        | 24 Annul        | 43 French           | 59 Quantity |
| 5 Columnist     | 25 Full         | 44 Devo-            | 60 Quantity |
| 6 Barrett       | 26 — pro notes  | 45 Tired            | 61 Quantity |
| 7 Volcanic      | 27 Blunders     | 46 Partic-          | 62 Quantity |
| 8 Flow          | 28 Dit, once    | 47 Ego              | 63 Quantity |
| 9 March         | 29 Legendary    | 48 Title for        | 64 Quantity |
| 10 Ballet       | 30 Without aid  | 49 Oliver           | 65 Quantity |
| 11 Musical      | 31 Herring fish | 50 Suppose          | 66 Quantity |
|                 | 32 Music time   | 51 — Alarm          |             |

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